

I write to urge you to reject the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking #02-230, which would limit the functionality of digital television sets. We don't need another law restricting our freedom to use our video recorders and televisions as we choose. This broadcast flag proposal hurts the average American once again and gives certain "select" industry groups the ability to impose their lust for more power and money at the expense of others.

While piracy is a valid concern, it is not the only issue that should be considered. Piracy is not recording a 1 hour PBS special, this is simply convenience.

The entertainment industry has become acutely aware of the challenges it faces in the digital era. But these challenges do not give it the right to restrict consumers' abilities to record their favorite programs, or purchase electronic devices that allow them to record and save memorable family moments.